

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 1 through 2 with the following amended paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows an MPLS network.

Figure 2 shows an example information flow between switching elements.

Figure 3 shows an example MPLS network with a protection domain.

Figure 4 shows an example MPLS network with a failure indication.

Figure 5 shows an example MPLS network with working and protection paths.

Figure 6 shows an example MPLS network with a reverse notification tree.

Figure 7 shows an example MPLS network with forwarding and inverse cross-connect tables.

Figure 8 shows an example MPLS network with forwarding and inverse cross-connect tables.

Figure 9 shows a protection mode table.

Figure 10 shows a timer, symbol, and function table.

Figure 11 shows a timer, symbol, and function table.